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THE FOREST FIRES.

It is quite evident that means should be taken to prevent the destruction of forests in the west by fire. The devastation that has been wrought in Washington, Idaho and Montana territories during the last three or four weeks can scarcely be estimated. For more than two weeks the sun has been completely and continuously obscured from this city by the smoke proceeding from forest fires, and the air has been filled with smoke to a troublesome extent at times. The same conditions have prevailed for hundreds of miles along the lines of railroad reaching this city, showing that the fires are wide-spread and continuous. The absence of rain during the summer months renders it impossible that these fires will be extinguished otherwise than by burning themselves out. The loss from this cause is not only direct and immense, but it is being wrought by calculation indirectly. It is a well-established fact that the denuding of the mountains of their covering of trees lessens the rainfall, which in this country is already little enough, and tends to produce a drying up of the natural reservoirs in the mountains, besides exposing the snows that, late in the spring, lie on the mountain side, to the rays of the sun. The subject was discussed Friday before Senator Stewart's committee, but the result was only to show the difficulty of preventing fires and the spreading of them. If statistics would effect anything Montana would be well guarded, for a stringent law is in force here against the careless starting of forest fires. It is generally supposed that the railroads are the chief offenders in this direction, but the justice of this is made questionable by the fact that some of the most destructive fires occur in sections distant from lines of travel. While it may be that lightning is responsible in some cases, as a gentleman before the Stewart committee testified, it is ascertainable that most of the fires originate in carelessness on the part of prospectors, hunters and wood choppers, who are oblivious as they are indifferent to the statutory penalties to which they are liable. The difficulty of fixing the responsibility for this class of public calamities is so apparent that it cannot be admitted that at best laws on the subject have little effect. A species of public sentiment on the subject would appear to be the most effective mode of preventing forest fires, and this is what should be studiously cultivated in every community where there can be the least danger. A few more years of such widespread fires as are now raging will practically obliterate the forests of the Rocky mountain region.

OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

The public schools of Helena will begin a new year the first Monday in September, which will be three weeks from to-morrow. A new principal will be in charge, who is now on his way to this city, but in the main the roster of teachers will be the same as it was last year. Helena has had the good fortune to have the services of some very capable educators in recent years, and the schools of the city compare favorably with those of other places. The new principal was selected from among a large number of applicants, and judging from his record in places where he has formerly taught the schools will not be likely to degenerate under his management.

The accommodations for the primary,

intermediate and grammar schools are insufficient, especially in the central part of the city, and the necessity for the erection of a new building on the east side is urgent. In other sections the school buildings partake too much of the character of temporary structures, as though when they were erected there had been a doubt of the permanence of Helena, which even the most obstinate croaker must long ago have abandoned. Future school buildings should be erected more with a view to the future needs of the population, even in the outlying districts.

With a population considerably in excess of 30,000, Helena's educational interests should have more prominence than they now possess. Scores of young people of this city are sent east to be educated whose parents would greatly prefer to keep them at home during the formative period of their lives and characters. There is at present but one select school for young girls in this city, and that one is of a sectarian character, and moreover does not afford means of conferring as thorough an education as many desire. For boys there is no school or academy that would supplement the high school. The Methodists are seeking to supply this need, and promise soon to have a regularly organized Wesleyan University in operation not far from the city, which should be well patronized. The Baptist denomination has been considering the establishment of a school under its auspices, but it is doubtful if anything will come of it for some years at least. Meanwhile there appears to be opportunity for the establishment of a military school here such as Prof. Howard is about to found at Ogden, Utah, and a boys' classical academy should be easily organized and well sustained. That there has been talk of such an institution is encouraging, and it is to be hoped it will not end in talk. Such schools will do much to make Helena known in this section of the northwest, and as it is not at all likely the state university or other governmental seat of learning will be located here it is evident that if Helena is to become known as a seat of learning it must be through local effort.

This pertinent observation of the St. Louis Republic is respectfully referred to the platform makers of the republican territorial convention: "President Harrison ought to understand that every step he takes in the direction of contracting the currency will be closely watched, and when understood, strongly resented by an immense majority of the American people." But the platform makers probably will forget to say anything about it. The democratic platform may supply the omission. Our republican friends are going to run a defensive campaign.

It is to be hoped that the statement in a New York World telegram that the enemies of Murat Halstead in his own political household have set up a job to push him as a candidate for United States senator, in order to have him slaughtered and done for, is untrue. Mr. Halstead is a reckless, bull-in-the-China-shop journalist, but he deserves a better fate than political assassination. We want to see him spared in the interest of republican harmony. One blast upon his bugle horn is worth five thousand votes—to the democrats. Slaughter Foraker, but spare us Halstead!

Since the INDEPENDENT courteously declines to state its opinion of the Mills bill, perhaps it will state the issues upon which the democratic party of this territory opposes to fight the campaign next fall. E. J. Butte Inter Mountain.

Why, certainly. On the unfidelity of your party to administer the government and the failure of your president to keep his pledges. We are going to keep you on the run.

WHAT is the National university of Chicago?

THE St. Paul Board of Education very resolutely shelved a proposition to name a new school house in honor of R. B. Hayes, who, it will be remembered, was president of the United States by the grace of John Sherman and Eliza Pinkston.

It is just as well our Samson controversy has been settled. Here is the Milwaukee city government changing the name of an avenue from Bismarck to Kosciuszko. This time it's Germans that does the shrieking.

THE Butte Inter Mountain sits in its corner and hesitates to tackle the Helena Journal on the copper tariff. Will somebody please rub its ears and get its courage up?

CROSS-CUTS.

Charlestown Enterprise: A bad boy with a judicious word seldom has to wait long for something to turn up.

The manuscript of the only contribution that Dickens ever made to Punch was lately sold in London for \$80. At the same sale the original manuscript of four stanzas of Hood's "Song of the Shirt" brought only \$40. "Phiz's" original illustrations for "Martin Chuzzlewit" brought very large prices.

Sir William Jenner, the physician to the royal family, has directed her majesty the queen that if she desires to prevent further suffering from the gout, she must stop drinking champagne and claret, and confine herself to the intensely plebeian beverage of whisky and Apollinaris water. Since royalty sets the fashion in beverages as well as clothes, it is now in order to look out for a boom in the product of Bourbon county, Ky.

In view of the proposed irrigation by artesian water, the Fargo agricultural paper recalls the fact that in the early part of this decade the great effort in the Red river valley was to get rid of the excess of water. Only three years ago a drainage convention was held at Crookston, and resolved and received the reports of scientists

and engineers. The water at once disappeared. It is proposed now to hold a convention and rescind the resolutions, and try to induce the waters to return.

Peter Laing, 104 years of age, has just been admitted to church membership in Elgin, Scotland. A propos to this incident the Hartford Courant says: "Bishop Asburg, in his journals, speaks of exhorting a man over 100 years old to give his heart to God on the ground that he had very little time left. The man answered: 'But my father lived to be 106.'"

A gruesome bird is the gas meter grim, Sissing silent and lone in the cellar light dim; And time's fast flight, Nor day nor night, Biting any change to the meter grim, Save in the race. On its figured face, Where numbers grow toward the millions' place, A watchful eye keeps the meter grim, As he sits alone in the cellar light dim; And he marks the gas As summer days pass, And makes no note of an interim, Nor takes of a dime For the two months' time You close your house for a cooler climate. A merry bird is the gas meter grim, And he laughs alone in the cellar light dim; And he thinks how you'll swear And tear out your hair When the quarter's bill comes rolling in; For whether away, Or at home you stay, The bill is the same you're called on to pay.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Congressman Nutting, of Oswego, N. Y., is reported very low and that there is small hopes of his recovery. He is a republican, and his death would cut down the republican majority in the lower house to two.

Bismarck struck the strike of the bakers in Berlin by ordering soldiers to do their work in the bakeshops. There was extreme severity in the sentences of the Breslau strikers, thirty-two of whom were convicted. One of them was sentenced to nine years' penal servitude and the others were condemned to imprisonment for terms ranging from eighteen months to five years.

Judge Lambert Tree, ex-United States minister to Russia, has presented to the city of Chicago a bronze statue of La Salle, the northwestern explorer. It is the work of a Belgian sculptor, and will be placed in Lincoln park.

Eliza P. Ferry, of Seattle, is put down as the first governor of the state of Washington. He used to be quite active in Illinois politics, went to the war and was made surveyor-general of the territory by Grant in 1869. In 1872 he was appointed governor and re-appointed in 1876.

Congressman Cheandle of Indiana is found to be the person who first complained to the president of the retreating operations in the pension office. Mr. Harrison asked him to put these charges in writing. A dismissal of a number of medical experts followed, as well as the investigating committee.

Emperor William of Germany is a very hearty eater and drinker. He consumes an enormous amount of meat, beer and wine every day, and is never troubled with indigestion. He prefers a pipe to a cigar, and shows an element of greatness by detesting cigarettes.

Ex-President Cleveland is peculiar as a fisherman. Not only does he possess both patience and luck, but he has gained remarkable skill in manipulating a rod and line. But the strange feature of his piscatorial pursuits lies in the fact that he is superstitious. He never permits his left hand to rest in front of his right on the rod. Furthermore, he never expects to catch fish if he has seen the new moon over his left shoulder the night before. He was equally superstitious regarding his political luck, and never began an important message or speech on Friday.

There are Donahoes and Donahoes in California. Joseph A. Donahoe, of Menlo Park, has offered prizes for the discovery of comets by Pacific coast astronomers. J. Mervyn Donahoe, of San Francisco, has offered a purse of \$7,000 for a prize-fight between Jake Kilrain and the Australian negro, Peter Jackson, provided the contest should take place in San Francisco. Perhaps the latter offer may also be considered an encouragement to astronomical investigation, as pugilists are certain to see unknown stars during a fight.

Bells of the Angelus.

Bells of the past whose forgotten music still fills the wide expanse, Tinging the sober twilight of the present With color of romance.

I hear you call and see the sun descending On rocks, and waves, and sand, As down the coast the evening breeze blending Girdle the heathen land.

Within the circle of your incantation No night or midday tale; Nor fierce war-tide, nor lost ambition Passes those airy walls.

Before me rise the dome-shaped mission towers, The white presidio, The sweet communion in his leather jerkin, The priest in tone of snow.

Once more I see Portia's cross splitting Above the setting sun, And past the headland, northward, slowly drifting, The frightened gullion.

Oh, solemn bells! whose consecrated masses Recall the faith of old, Oh, thrilling bells! that tolled with twilight music, The spiritual fold.

Your voices break, they falter in the darkness—Break, falter and are still, And veiled, and mystic, like the host descending, The sun sinks from the hill.

—Bret Harte.

Official returns of the French election for members of the council-general show that 949 republicans and 429 conservatives were elected.

A PRIVATE SNAP ONCE MORE.

Alleged Reasons for Appointing Furlong to be Chief of the Secret Service.

New York World's Washington Correspondence: There are reasons for the intended appointment of Thomas Furlong to the position of chief of the secret service in the treasury department which have not yet been published. It is true that Furlong has been one of Jay Gould's most energetic detectives, and as such did some of the dirty work required by the good railroad king, and Gould's indorsement is strong with this administration. But Furlong has done other work which requires recognition. He was summoned to Indianapolis by Russell Harrison during the campaign last year and employed to do some of the fine work needed in that state. And this is not all.

When Schuyler Crosby, once governor of Montana, began suit against Russell Harrison for slander, laying his damages at \$40,000, it was known that Crosby had once been in Louisiana and there were false and malicious whispers about the reputation he left behind him. As "Prince Russell" had a knowledge of Furlong's capabilities from his employment by Russell, assisting him to elaborate a case against Crosby that makes Furlong eligible for the position of chief of the secret service. Another of the Harrison family debts is to be paid by this appointment.

District attorney No. 56, J. C. Harrison, met to night and passed resolutions protesting against the appointment of Furlong. It is probable, however, that none of those things will cause a change, as his hints that Furlong has a still stronger "pull" upon the Harrison family than any yet named.

This is the first time that a president has taken the appointment of chief of the secret service out of the hands of the secretary of the treasury. Secretary Windom does not want to appoint Furlong. He has promised Mr. Powderly, the head of the Knights of Labor, that the appointment would not be made. The K. of L. have already entered their remonstrance and are renewing it. Furlong has been in Washington for several months. When he first came here he called at the office of Chief Bell and declared that he had been doing his best during eighteen years to break up the Knights of Labor, and that he would never rest until he had accomplished his purpose. He managed to run Martin Irons, the master workman of St. Louis, during the great railroad strike on the Gould lines two years ago.

Frank Dupart, of Baltimore, has the impression of every K. of L. organization in the country. Frank Erskine, of St. Louis, is another prominent candidate, and "Chief" Erskine, who has recently been doing active work for Woodward and Lothrop's large dry goods house here, is willing to be reinstated in his former position. The apparent disposition of President Harrison to appoint Furlong is raising a great howl.

The Iron Duke to His Soldiers.

"Do your duty," were the words of Lord Wellington to his soldiers just before the battle of Waterloo. History tells us how well they obeyed. The same advice might properly be given to every living man at the present time, for the duty of every man is to do his whole duty in time of war or peace, for their country, but when there is no such great occasion, neglect their plain duties, and when they are in the army, they are not for want of their families, but from pure selfishness. The statistics compiled by the national authorities show that more deaths result from neglect of duty than from any other cause, except consumption, yet not more than one family in six are provided with medicines that will relieve or cure the diseases. It is the duty of every man to look after these small matters, and protect their families, and the duty of every man to be guilty of criminal carelessness if they neglect to do so. No one can plead poverty in this instance, as the best remedy there is for the purpose only costs but 25 cents.

The article we refer to is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, a certain cure for cramps, colic, cholera morbus, dysentery, diarrhea, bloody flux, cholera infantum, and bowel complaint in all its forms. No family can afford to be without it during the summer months as great suffering and even life may be saved by its use before a physician can be summoned or medicine procured. Do not delay, but procure it at once, before it is too late. For sale by H. M. Parthen & Co.

The Dog Returned to Life.

In the efforts of the defence in the Kemmer case to prove that execution by electricity is uncertain, cruel and unusual, there has been a case of a dog named Dash who had the following experience: "About two weeks ago Dash stepped on a telegraph wire that was lying on the pavement. The wire was crossed by an electric light wire from the main line, and when he stepped on it he was electrocuted and he was dead. He lay on the pavement for some time, and when he was picked up he was dead. He was buried in a coffin, and after a few days he was dug up and he was found to be alive. He was then taken to the hospital and he was cured. He is now as well as ever, and he is a very good dog."

A CHICAGO SENSATION.

The Board of Trade suggests Business to Witness an Important Event.

An incident of an impressive character occurred on the board of trade, says a Chicago dispatch to the New York Herald—an event of such importance as to interfere with the business on the floor for quite a while.

The room was in the usual uproar, it being within an hour of the closing time, when the old mother cat, that has its home on the board, started to move, as her quarters near the entrance to the door from the elevator have not appeared lately. She was very much perturbed, and she had a litter of eight kittens. She marched out of her nest carrying a kitten by the neck in her mouth, and she walked very dignifiedly and sedately up the hall, and a dozen or more of the members who saw her stopped to watch. Then the word spread that the mother cat had had a litter of eight kittens. She marched out of her nest carrying a kitten by the neck in her mouth, and she walked very dignifiedly and sedately up the hall, and a dozen or more of the members who saw her stopped to watch. Then the word spread that the mother cat had had a litter of eight kittens. 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